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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the main paragraph on page 1 with the following:

This application is a continuation in part of copending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/898,888 filed July 3, 2001 (Hyseq docket no. 748CON2), which is a continuation of 09/340,623 filed June 28, 1999 (now abandoned, Hyseq docket no. 748CON1), which is a continuation of 09/205,070 filed Dec. 3, 1998 (now abandoned, Hyseq docket no. 748); copending U.S. Application No. 09/919,002 filed July 30, 2001 (Hyseq docket no. 752CON2), which is a continuation of 09/359,922 filed July 22, 1999 (Hyseq docket no. 752CON1), which is a continuation of 09/205,155 filed Dec. 3, 1998 (now abandoned, Hyseq docket no. 752); copending U.S. Application No. 09/905,059 filed July 12, 2001 (Hyseq docket no. 778CON1), which is a continuation of 09/347,127 filed Jul. 2, 1999 (now abandoned, Hyseq docket no. 778); copending U.S. Application No. 09/952,981 filed Sept. 14, 2001 (Hyseq docket no. 779CON1), which is a continuation of copending 09/457,877 filed Dec. 8, 1999 (Hyseq docket no. 779); copending U.S. Application No. 09/471,275 filed Dec. 23, 1999 (Hyseq docket no. 782); copending U.S. Application No. 09/552,317 filed Apr. 25, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 784CIP); copending U.S. Application No. 09/488,725 filed Jan. 21, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 784); copending U.S. Application No. 09/922,279 filed Aug. 3, 2001 (Hyseq docket no. 785CON1), which is a continuation of 09/491,404 filed Jan. 25, 2000 (now abandoned, Hyseq docket no. 785); copending U.S. Application No. 09/560,875 filed Apr. 27, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 787CIP); copending U.S. Application No. 09/496,914 filed Feb. 03, 2000 (Hyseq

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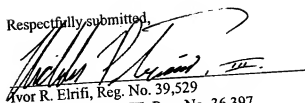
docket no. 787); copending U.S. Application No. 09/577,409 filed May 18, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 788CIP); copending U.S. Application No. 09/515,126 filed Feb. 28, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 788); copending U.S. Application No. 09/574,454 filed May 19, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 789CIP); copending U.S. Application No. 09/519,705 filed Mar. 7, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 789); copending U.S. Application No. 09/649,167 filed Aug. 23, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 790CIP); copending U.S. Application No. 09/540,217 filed Mar. 31, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 790); copending U.S. Application No. 09/770,160 filed Jan. 26, 2001 (Hyseq docket no. 791CIP); copending U.S. Application No. 10/014,487 filed Nov. 8, 2001 (Hyseq docket no.:791CON), which is a continuation of copending U.S. Application No. 09/552,929 filed Apr. 18, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 791); and copending U.S. Application No.09/989,660 filed Nov. 21, 2001 (Hyseq docket no. 792CON), which is a continuation of copending 09/577,408 filed May 18, 2000 (Hyseq docket no. 792). The entirety of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Specification to correct one typographical error as noted. No new matter has been added. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up version of the specification showing the change made appears as Appendix A of this Response. Applicants hereby request entry of this amendment into the specification, as well as a corrected filing receipt.

No fee is believed to be due for this Preliminary Amendment. If a fee applies, then please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21272-502. A duplicate of this paper is attached. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact either of the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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